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FROM

CRESCO NURSERY

A. E. BENTS & SON

CRESCO, IOWA

It is not our aim to
sell for less, but to
produce a better
article

To Our Patrons

Our nursery comprises forty acres of the best land in Iowa for the purpose of growing a variety of trees, shrubs and plants, and with this small Nursery we are able to give the work our special attention. Even at this, we do not claim to give you gilt edge stock of all varieties each year, as you know weather conditions govern the growth of stock. While extremes may hinder one species, it may be beneficial to another, and all we claim is "stock that will compare favorably with any on the market."

We recommend the varieties we offer in this list as the best for the North West and worthy the attention of planters. As new varieties are introduced they are given a trial and if worthy are given a place in our stock. During our fifty years of constant testing we feel confident we can supply varieties which will please you.

In agriculture most farmers of today will sow only the best of seed, or breed but the best of stock, yet in the purchase of trees and plants a few still dispute the conclusive proofs of the success which comes from "breeding only the best."

As we employ no agents this list and the stock we send out are our only salesmen.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We guarantee all stock which has been shipped from our Nursery to be true to name and label, of specified size, clean, healthy, first class stock. Furthermore, we will furnish trees and shrubs free of charge for those which fail to start within two months of planting (*) provided we are notified by July 1st of that year. It is mutually agreed and understood, however, between the purchaser and ourselves that we cannot be held responsible for an amount greater than the original purchase price of the stock.

Adjustments—It is our chief aim to deliver to our customers a full measure of satisfaction. We exercise the utmost care in filling your orders, but in the rush of the season errors will sometimes occur. Please keep a duplicate of your order and should an error or shortage be made, advise us at once and we will promptly and cheerfully correct it.

Prices—The prices in the list cancel all previous quotations. All stock except where noted is quoted F. O. B. Cresco, Iowa.

Remittances—Charge accounts increase operating expense and this in turn increases the cost of the

stock, so remittance should accompany order whenever possible. If this is not satisfactory write us and we can make arrangements to suit your convenience.

Inspection—Certificate of Inspection will be furnished with every shipment.

- (*) We cannot guarantee stock marked
(*) as weather and soil conditions govern their success.

APPLES—**Summer**

Duchess—An old reliable; good size, yellow, streaked red, juicy, sub-acid, productive.

Early Harvest—(Tetofsky) Good all-around early, medium size, pale yellow, tender and juicy.

Harter's Early—Earliest apple grown, ripens a week in advance of Yellow Transparent, red, good quality.

Fall

Wealthy—Of medium size, smooth; nearly covered with dark red. Bears heavy, keeps well in storage.

Okabena—Medium size, hardy and productive; good quality; red.

Longfield—Another medium size apple; yellow, good eating quality; very productive.

Farnsworth—Large, almost transparent in color; ripens during late fall, very good quality but not a good keeper; tree is very hardy and a good grower. This variety was originated by A. E. Bents.

Winter

Northwestern Greening — Vigorous, spreading growth; fruit large, pale green, sub-acid, good quality.

Malinda—Tree of crab-like growth, hardy, very productive. Fruit yellow, "Sheep-nose" shape, mild acid and the best of keepers.

Prosser—A late winter apple, dark red, large, very good quality, tree a little slow to come into bearing.

Wisconsin Greening—Tree of spreading growth, very hardy, dark green fruit, medium to large, good quality.

CRABS—

Whitney—Hardy, thrifty, upright grower. Fruit large, red and of good quality for canning or eating.

Early Strawberry—Earliest of all to ripen and very productive.

Transcendent—Productive; red, juicy fruit, acid. A good variety but should not be planted too close to other apples as it is subject to blight.

All the above varieties		each	per 10
4 to 5 ft.	3 year.....	.50	4.00
5 to 6 ft.	3 year.....	.60	5.00

Prices on 2 year trees, above varieties

3 to 4 ft.....	.35	3.00
4 to 5 ft.....	.50	4.00

PLUMS—**The New Minnesota Plums**

These varieties were produced by crossing the Japanese sorts with our hardy native varieties. They are perfectly hardy and begin to bear early, producing fruit equal in quality and size of the best California plums. We invite you to visit our nursery during plum season.

Underwood—This is the earliest of the large new plums, ripening August 1st to 15th, and attaining a size of $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter. Fruit is red, juicy; very small pit, free stone. In our opinion, the best.

Tonka—Very productive. Fruit uniform in size, averaging $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Season, August 15th. Red, sweet, free stone.

Loring Prize—The very largest of this group; fine quality but more subject to plum rot than others.

Hanson Plums

Waneta—One of the largest and best all-around standard plums. Bright red, delicious quality, small pit, quite productive, fruit sometimes 2 inches in diameter.

Sapa—It is very early and a prolific bearer; fruit medium size, dark purple and rich, red flesh. Best jelly hybrid and a good canner.

Cherry-Plum Hybrids

Zumbra—A hardy substitute for the black sweet cherry. This will please you. Medium size with small free pit. One of the best for canning when fully ripe. We recommend this variety.

St. Anthony—Another good hybrid similar to Sapa but more vigorous; very productive. Fruit of good size, purple flesh; excellent for jelly or canning.

All the above varieties	each	per 10
3 to 4 ft.....	.65	6.00
4 to 6 ft. ....	.75	7.00

CHERRIES—

Early Richmond—A dependable variety which seldom misses a crop. The only reliable cherry for this section; good.

	each	per 10
2 to 3 ft.....	.50	
3 to 4 ft.....	.70	

GOOSEBERRIES—

Downing—Light green when ripe; the best variety for general planting.

	each	per 10
2 year plants .....	.25	2.25

CURRENTS—

Cherry—Very large, vigorous, productive sort. The best.

Perfection—A bright red, very large variety.

	each	per 10
2 year .....	.25	2.25
1 year .....	.15	1.25

No Gooseberry or Currant shipped west of the Mississippi River.

GRAPES—

Beta—A perfectly hardy, very early black grape, ripening about September 1st.

Concord—The most popular and common American grape.

Moore's Early—Black, larger berry than Concord. Standard early grape.

Worden—Similar to Concord. Larger and better berry. Ripens several days earlier.

	each	per 10
2 year .....	.25	2.25

RASPBERRIES—

Older—Black, the best black for this section.

St. Regis—Red, the everbearing Raspberry, very productive and thrifty.

King—Red. A good standard variety.

Lathem—The best red raspberry. Very hardy, thrifty, large, dark red; holds up well. An ideal variety.

	per 25	per 100
	1.50	5.00
Lathem	2.00	7.00

STRAWBERRIES—

*Dunlap—The most popular variety ever introduced. Berries medium size, firm, dark red, uniform and very productive.

Nokomis—Another fine quality, bright glossy, productive new berry. Foliage very dark green, heavy, good.

*Minnehaha—Very hardy, very large berries, late

	per 25	per 100
	.25	1.00

Sold only in bunches of 25 or over.

(*) No warranty.

ASPARAGUS—

Mary Washington—New rust proof variety; Large, best quality and very productive.

	per 25	per 100
1 year .....	.50	2.00
2 year .....	.75	2.75

RHUBARB—

Linneaus--The best red variety.

	each	per 10	per 100
2 year25	2.00	

NUT TREES

Butternut

2 to 3 ft.....	.35	3.00
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Black Walnut

2 to 3 ft.....	.25	2.25	20.00
3 to 4 ft.....	.50		

Chestnut (American Sweet)

3 to 4 ft.....	1.00
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Chestnut (Buckeye)

3 to 4 ft.....	.75
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ORNAMENTAL TREES

Elm (American)

4 to 6 ft.75
6 to 8 ft.	1.00

Ash (European Mountain)

4 to 6 ft.	1.75
6 to 8 ft.	2.50

	each	per 10	per 100
Maple (Norway)			
4 to 6 ft.	1.50		
6 to 8 ft.	2.00		
(Sugar or Hard)			
4 to 6 ft. ....	.80		
6 to 8 ft.	1.50		

When stocky trees are selected the caliper will govern, as 1 inch—1.00; 1½ inch—1.75; 2 inches—2.50.

Crab (Bechel's Double Flowering)

2 to 3 ft.	1.00
3 to 4 ft.	1.75

Poplar (Carolina)

3 to 5 ft.	10.00
5 to 7 ft.	15.00
(Lombardy)	
5 to 7 ft.	1.00

EVERGREENS

Arbor Vitae, American

	each	per 100
12 to 18 in.35	30.00
18 to 24 in.45	40.00
2 to 3 ft.55	45.00

White Pine

3 to 4 ft.50	40.00
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Norway Spruce

12 to 18 in.35	28.00
18 to 24 in.40	35.00
2 to 3 ft.50	40.00

Douglas Spruce

12 to 18 in. ....	.35	30.00
18 to 24 in. ....	.40	35.00
2 to 3 ft.50	40.00

***ORNAMENTAL EVERGREENS**

	each	per 100
*Black Hill Spruce		

3 to 4 ft.	4.00
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***Colorado Blue Spruce**

18 to 24 in.	2.00
2 to 3 ft.	2.50

***Pyramidal Arbor Vitae**

18 to 24 in.	2.00
2 to 3 ft.	3.00
3 to 4 ft.	5.00

***Globosa Arbor Vitae**

12 in.	2.25
18 in.	3.50

***Tom Thumb Arbor Vitae**

12 in.	2.00
18 in.	3.00

We reserve the right to advance prices on extra select trees where they are selected by customers from nursery rows.

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ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

Almond, Double Flowering, Pink

	each	per 10	per 100
2 to 3 ft.80		
3 to 4 ft.	1.00		

Aralia, Spinosa

3 to 4 ft.	1.00		
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Barberry, Japanese

8 to 12 in.			15.00
12 to 18 in.35	3.00	25.00
18 to 24 in.50	4.00	35.00
Extra heavy, 18 to 24 in. ..	.60		

Cornus, Red Twigged Dogwood

2 to 3 ft.60	5.00	
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Cranberry, High Bush

3 to 4 ft.	1.00		
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Currant, Yellow Flowering

3 to 4 ft.80		
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Honeysuckle, Tartarian Pink

2 to 3 ft.40	3.50	
3 to 4 ft.60		

Hydrangea, P. G.

2 to 3 ft.60	5.00	
3 to 4 ft.	1.00		

Arborescens, Hills of Snow

	each	per 10	per 100
2 to 3 ft. ....	.50	4.50	
3 to 4 ft. ....	.80		

Lilac

Persian, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.50		
White, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.50		
Purple, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.50		
Alphonse Laval			
Chas. X.			
President Grevy			
Rubra de Marley			
2 to 3 ft.	1.00		

Snowberry

Coral Berry, 2 to 3 ft. ...	.50		
White Berry, 2 to 3 ft. ...	.50		
3 to 4 ft. ....	.80		

Spirea, Van Houtii, Bridal Wreath

12 to 18 in. ....	.25	2.25	
18 to 24 in. ....	.35	3.00	25.00
2 to 3 ft. ....	.40	3.50	30.00
Heavy, 2 to 3 ft. ....	.50		
Heavy, 3 to 4 ft. ....	.75		

Spirea, Anthony Waterer

12 to 18 in. ....	.50		
18 to 24 in. ....	.60		
Heavy, 18 to 24 in.	1.00		

Alba

12 to 18 in. ....	.50		
18 to 24 in. ....	.60		

Aurea

2 to 3 ft. ....	.60		
3 to 4 ft. ....	.80		

	each	per 10	per 100
Thunbergii			
18 to 24 in. ....	.65		
2 to 3 ft. ....	.80		
Philadelphus, Syringa, Grandiflora			
3 to 4 ft. ....	.75		
Philadelphus, Lemoinei			
2 to 3 ft. ....	.50		
3 to 4 ft. ....	.60		
Philadelphus, Aurea			
12 to 18 in. ....	.50		
*Weigelia, Rosea			
2 to 3 ft. ....	.80		

VINES

Ivy, Englemanni .....	.50
Bignonia, Radicans, Trumpet Flower50
Honeysuckle, Scarlet Trumpet50
Kudzu Vine50

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PEONIES

Peonies are of the easiest culture and when planted will thrive for many years. They are almost immune to insect ravage and disease. September until freeze-up is the best time for planting.

Prices are for strong plants with 3 to 5 eyes.

Festiva Maxima—The ideal white .....	.50
Golden Harvest—Guards pale rose; center creamy white .....	.70
Marguerite Gerard—Pink changing to cream white; center flecked with carmine .....	.80
Karl Rosenfield—Brilliant dark crimson, mid- season	1.00
Officinalis Rubra—Large blooms of vivid crimson; early .....	.90
Floral Treasure—Pink .....	.50

IRIS

The Iris may be planted at any time except when in bud or bloom. They are very hardy and should be used more freely.

Her Majesty—Rose pink .....	.25
Honorabilis—Bronze yellow .....	.20
Mme. Chereau—White edged blue .....	.25
Florentina Alba—Early white .....	.30
Valvateen—Dark purple .....	.35
Florentina Blue—Light blue, early .....	.30
Darus—Yellow .....	.25
General Purpler—Velvety purple .....	.35
Magnificia—Black edged mahogany .....	.60
Dwarf Iris—Blue, extra early .....	.30
Dwarf Iris—Purple, extra early .....	.20
Japan Iris—Mixed .....	.25

***PHLOX**

Another perennial which deserves a place in every garden.

Eclairer—Carmine, light eye, large .....	.20
H. O. Wijers—White, pink eye .....	.20
Jules Sandeau—Deep rosy pink, very large ....	.40
Mrs. Jenkins—White .....	.15
Rheinlander—Salmon pink claret eye30

If large clumps are wanted add 50 per cent.

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HARDY PERENNIALS

Daisy—Improved Shasta30
Campanula—Canterberry Bells25
Delphinium—Larkspur, Belladonna (blue) .....	.25
Delphinium—Larkspur, Bellamosa (dark blue)..	.25
Gaillardia—Blanket Flower .....	.25
Golden Glow .....	.20
Poppy—Oriental .....	.35
Platycodon—Balloon Flower (blue and white)..	.35
Regal Lily .....	.40

TENDER BULBS AND TUBERS FOR SPRING PLANTING

Gladiolus and Dahlias are our hobby and as space does not permit a complete list of varieties we are listing only a few of the best standard sorts. If you do not find listed the varieties you have in mind let us quote prices.

Gladiolus

	each	dozen
Chicago White, LeMarshall Foch, Hal- ley, Dorothy McKibbin .....	.05	.50
Bertrix, Empress of India, Peace .....	.06	.60
Albania, Crimson Glow, Anna Eberus, Golden Measure, Mrs. Dr. Norton, Pink Wonder, Rose Ash .....	.10	1.00
Purple Glory, Gold, Giant Fawn, Shell Pink, Twilight .....	.15	1.50
Giant Nymph, Lavender America, Los Angeles, Peach Rose, Scarlet Wonder	.20	2.00

Every few years a few items are originated which stand the test and are improvements in their species. Here are a few we wish you could try, or visit our Nursery during their season.

Farnsworth Apple

Large, almost transparent in color, ripens during late fall, very good quality but is not a good keeper. This variety was originated by A. E. Bents.

Underwood Plum

Tree very vigorous, hardy and productive; fruit is large, attractive red; flesh is very good quality but quite firm; hangs well to tree; ripens early; stone is very small.

Cherry Currant

Not a new variety but one which has been neglected. Very large clusters, large fruit and very prolific; good quality.

Latham (Red) Raspberry

Originated at Minnesota Fruit Breeding Farm a few years ago; fruit very large and of very good quality; will out-yield most others.

Mary Washington Asparagus

We are pleased to be able to offer plants of this strain of Asparagus. It is the first result of a plant breeding campaign started by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to produce a rust-resistant Asparagus. Rust-resistant and vigorous plants selected from thousands have been crossed with a single male plant and most careful re-selection practiced. Foundation stock was sent us by the Department of Agriculture.

Regal Lily

A wonderful new lily which was introduced to this country from China, where it was found growing wild, only a few years ago. It has proven very hardy and deserves a place in every garden, grows two or three feet in height and opens from six to twelve blooms. Color a beautiful white with delicate yellow throat, very fragrant, blooms in July.

PAY OUR NURSERY A VISIT

We have spent the better part of our lives in the study of methods and varieties for this locality. Our experience is at your service. We realize that you must prosper otherwise we will not, so our sales must bring us other sales. If it does not we feel we have failed to do our part.

We sell direct to our patrons. We have no agents and pay no commissions, and what we cannot grow we do not sell.

We will always be glad to quote special prices to churches, societies, clubs and other organizations.



